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1. WE WOULD SUPPORT VIENNA'S SUGGESTION THAT BOTH GROUND
AND AIR PERSONNEL BE COUNTED IN THE COLLECTIVE INTERNA-
TIONAL STAFF COMPONENT, FOR THE SAKE OF CONSISTENCY. AT
THE SAME TIME, WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT IF AIR PERSONNEL
IN INTERNATIONAL STAFFS WERE TO BE LISTED COLLECTIVELY, THE
FRG MAY WELL WANT TO LIST THEM AS A COLLECTIVE TOTAL SEPAR-
ATE FROM THE COLLECTIVE TOTAL FOR GROUND PERSONNEL IN
INTERNATIONAL STAFFS. THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE FRG'S STRONG
ATTACHMENT TO THE UNIFORM PRINCIPLE AS OPPOSED TO A FUNC-
TIONAL APPROACH. IN ADDITION, THE FRG DOES NOT WISH TO
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DISCUSS GROUND AND AIR DATA SIMULTANEOUSLY, BECAUSE OF THE
FRG EMPHASIS ON KEEPING THE FOCUS OF MBFR ON GROUND MAN-
POWER. TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS PRINCIPLE, THE FRG MIGHT
WELL WISH ANY COLLECTIVE TOTAL FOR AIR PERSONNEL IN INTER-
NATIONAL STAFFS TO BE RELEASED TO THE EAST ONLY DURING THE
DISCUSSION ON AIR MANPOWER, I.E., DURING THE LAST STEP
UNDER THE PRESENT FRG CONCEPT. THIS WOULD PUT OFF EVEN

FURTHER THE TIME WHEN THE OTHER SIDE WOULD HAVE MOST OF THE DATA IT SOUGHT UNDER ITS OWN PROPOSAL.

2. WE AGREE WITH VIENNA ON THE NEED TO KEEP THE COLLECTIVE FIGURE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE. RE VIENNA'S SUGGESTION THAT ONLY INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFFS IN BRUSSELS AND SHAPE BE INCLUDED IN THE COLLECTIVE INTERNATIONAL STAFF FIGURE, WE BELIEVE THE ALLIES WOULD WISH TO KNOW WHAT REASON THE WEST COULD CITE TO THE EAST FOR NOT TREATING ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL IN INTERNATIONAL STAFFS IN THE SAME WAY. IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL NOT TO DEPRIVE OURSELVES, UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, OF THE ABILITY TO TELL THE EAST THAT THE WEST WAS ESTABLISHING A COLLECTIVE TOTAL FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF PERSONNEL BECAUSE THEY PERFORM A COLLECTIVE AND NOT A NATIONAL FUNCTION. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE WEST'S ABILITY TO CITE THIS REASON FOR NOT FULLY DISAGGREGATING BY NATIONALITY IS A USEFUL FEATURE OF THE CURRENT FRG PROPOSAL.
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